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1. The IG advised that the Director believed we should not give Bob Smart a flat no on his informal request for information concerning previous investigations of CIA. The IG is reviewing the reports and recommendations and will discuss the matter further.
2. The IG further advised that the Director had discussed further Senator J. W. Fulbright's letter, having in mind my discussion with Carl Marcy. The Director stated he planned to telephone the Senator inviting him and Carl Marcy down to the Agency for discussion.
3. Telephoned the office of Representative Robert L. F. Sikes (D., Fla.) and talked with Miss Butler advising her that the Agency stood ready to meet with Mr. Sikes to brief him further on Russian budget figures and comparison of Soviet/U.S. defense values. Mr. Sikes will be away all week but Miss Butler will bring it to his attention upon his return.
4. Talked by telephone with Representative Harold C. Ostertag (R., N. Y.) who had requested us to check on a news item concerning 2400 deaths in Russia as a result of nuclear explosions. Mr. Ostertag was advised that we could find no factual basis for such a story. Mr. Ostertag was very appreciative of our contacting him on this.
5. Talked with Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio) following up on his request that he be provided a briefing on the CIA reports on the Soviet sputnik. Mr. Minshall suggested that a briefing on this subject be left for a few days until he accepts the Director's invitation for a briefing down at the Agency. Mr. Minshall said that he had discussed this general Agency briefing with Representative Glenard P. Lipscomb (R., Calif.) who was very much interested. Mr. Minshall thought probably Representatives Phil Weaver (R., Nebr.) and Keith Thomson (R., Wyo.) would also be interested. Mr. Minshall said he expected to call us within the next week to ten days and hoped that they could spend the afternoon with us.

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